#### COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES



#### FIRE DEPARTMENT

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P. MICHAEL FREEMAN FIRE CHIEF FORESTER & FIRE WARDEN

April 13, 2010

The Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, CA 90012

**Dear Supervisors:** 

**ADOPTED** 

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

#46 APRIL 13, 2010

SACHI A. HAMAI EXECUTIVE OFFICER

AMENDMENT NUMBER THREE TO THE AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES BY AND BETWEEN THE CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND THE CITY OF COVINA (5<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT) (3 VOTES)

#### **SUBJECT**

The Consolidated Fire Protection District (District) provides fire protection and emergency medical services to the City of Covina (City) through the subject Services Agreement with the City. As part of that Agreement, the District and the City mutually benefit from the truck and engine company service provided by Quint 153 staffed at City Fire Station 153. The proposed amendment to the Services Agreement will increase the District's cost share on Quint 153 by one-half of a firefighter position to more appropriately reflect Quint 153's jurisdictional coverage in the District and the City.

### IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR HONORABLE BOARD, ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT:

- 1) Find that Amendment Number Three to the Agreement for Services by and between the District and the City is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act.
- 2) Approve and instruct the Chairman to sign Amendment Number Three to the Agreement for Services which modifies the funding of staffing within the City to be effective upon Board approval and authorizes future modifications to the staffing levels in the City to be made by mutual agreement of the City Council and District Fire Chief.

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#### PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The District provides fire and emergency medical services to the City pursuant to the Services Agreement (Agreement No. 71083 dated November 6, 1997). This Services Agreement provides for the staffing of three Covina fire stations, including an assessment quint (Quint 153) at Fire Station 153. Quint 153 is a versatile resource, functioning as a combination pumper engine and ladder truck company. It is equipped with a 100' aerial ladder and several specialized tools essential for forcible entry, rescue, and firefighting that are not carried on a standard pumper engine.

Each truck company is a valuable regional resource as the District staffs only one truck or quint for every five fire stations within the District. A quint is even more versatile since it functions as both the pumper engine and the truck company. Quint 153 serves as a primary engine company in the City and adjacent District areas of Charter Oak and west San Dimas, and it provides first-in truck services to a larger jurisdictional area that also includes parts of Glendora, Azusa, and Covina unincorporated islands.

In 2007, the District undertook an evaluation of the jurisdictional coverage provided by Quint 153 and found that an increased cost share by the District from 1.0 to 1.5 firefighter post positions is warranted as it more appropriately reflects the benefit derived by the surrounding District areas from Quint 153. Sharing the cost of Quint 153 with the City is a cost-effective method of providing truck service. Staffing and overhead for a truck/quint would cost the District \$3 million annually if Quint 153 could not be shared with the City. However, the District's annual cost for Quint 153 will total \$965,000 annually with the proposed increased cost share (an increase of \$243,000 in S&EB and \$79,000 in overhead).

This Amendment Number Three to the Agreement for Services will:

- Establish an increased cost share of one-half the annual cost of a firefighter post
  position assigned to the assessment quint in the City by the District.
- Authorize future staffing level or cost apportionment changes in the City to be made by mutual approval of the District Fire Chief and the Covina City Council.

#### <u>Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals</u>

Amendment Number Three addresses Goal No. 1, "Operational Effectiveness," of the County's Strategic Plan which guides us to evaluate organizational structure to achieve operational efficiencies and improve service delivery.

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#### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:**

The increased cost share by the District will be reflected as a reduction in the City's annual fee. Based upon estimated Fiscal Year 2009-10 costs, the City's annual fee would have been reduced by \$322,000 had the contract amendment been effective the entire fiscal year. The actual reduction in the City's annual fee will be prorated commencing with the date Amendment Number Three is approved by your Honorable Board.

There will be no impact on net County cost. The District's 2009-10 Adopted Budget includes sufficient funding to absorb the revenue reduction associated with Amendment Number Three.

#### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS:**

County Counsel has approved Amendment Number Three as to form. The Covina City Council approved Amendment Number Three to the Agreement for Services on February 2, 2010.

This Amendment Number Three will amend the Agreement for Services between the District and the City for the provision of fire protection and related services (Agreement No. 71083) approved by your Honorable Board on November 6, 1997 by modifying the District's cost share of Quint 153. Your Board previously approved Amendment Number One to the Agreement on August 6, 2002 which modified the agreement term and the cost share of the paramedic squad and Area Fire Prevention Inspector in the City, and Amendment Number Two to the Agreement on February 18, 2003 which modified the staffing level within the City by instituting two paramedic assessment engines and a paramedic assessment quint at the request of the City.

#### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES:**

Service levels within the City and the surrounding District areas will remain unchanged.

#### **NEGATIVE DECLARATION/ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT:**

This project is statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines as it addresses incidental matters related to the provision of services, and thus it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity may have a significant effect on the environment.

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#### **CONCLUSION:**

Upon approval of Amendment Number Three to the Agreement for Services, please instruct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to transmit one (1) signed original and one (1) executed copy of Amendment Number Three and two (2) executed copies of this Board letter

to:

Consolidated Fire Protection District Attention: Debbie Aguirre, Chief Planning Division 1320 N. Eastern Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90032

The District will forward to the City the originally executed Amendment Number Three for their records.

Respectfully submitted.

PMF:ju

Attachments

c: Chief Executive Officer

County Counsel Auditor-Controller

Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors

#### **AMENDMENT NUMBER THREE**

# TO THE AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES BY AND BETWEEN THE CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND THE CITY OF COVINA

This Amendment Number Three to the Agreement for Services is made and entered into this <a href="I3TH">13TH</a> day of <a href="APRIL">APRIL</a>, 2010, by and between the CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, hereinafter referred to as the "DISTRICT," and the CITY OF COVINA, hereinafter referred to as the "CITY," to amend the Agreement for Services By and Between the Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County and the City of Covina dated November 6, 1997 (Agreement No. 71083) and as amended on August 6, 2002 and February 18, 2003, hereinafter referred to as "Agreement for Services" or "Agreement."

#### WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, the CITY and DISTRICT have entered the Agreement for Services pursuant to which the DISTRICT provides fire protection, hazardous materials, emergency medical, and all related services to the CITY; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement for Services was amended on August 6, 2002 and again on February 18, 2003, to modify certain provisions of the Agreement in regards to the payment of conversion costs and fire station maintenance and repairs, to increase the number of paramedics in the City and to modify Schedule 1 of the agreement; and

WHEREAS, the CITY and DISTRICT desire to further amend the Agreement to modify Amended Schedule 1 to the Agreement in regards to the funding of staffing within the CITY and to authorize any future modifications to the staffing levels in the CITY to be made by mutual agreement of the City Council and the District Fire Chief.

NOW, THEREFORE, IN CONSIDERATION of the promises, covenants, representations and agreements set forth herein, the parties mutually agree as follows:

- Schedule 1 Amendment Number Two of the Agreement for Services, Operation by
  District, shall be replaced with Schedule 1 Amendment Number Three, attached
  hereto and made a part hereof.
- 2. The Agreement for Services is hereby amended by modifying the following provisions:
  - A. SECTION II, paragraph (L), of the Agreement for Services shall be amended as follows:
    - (L) The CITY COUNCIL and DISTRICT FIRE CHIEF may mutually agree on modifications to the staffing levels and/or cost apportionment in the CITY. Any agreed-upon modifications may necessitate adjustments in the determination of the Annual Fee, and would be specified in an amended Schedule 1, approved by the DISTRICT FIRE CHIEF and the CITY COUNCIL.
  - B. SECTION III, paragraph (A) shall be amended to add the following two paragraphs:
    - (A) (1) Upon the effective date of this Amendment Number Three, the date first written above, which is the date of approval by the last signatory to this Amendment, the Annual Fee calculation method shall be modified as specified in Schedule 1 Amended Number Three, attached hereto and made a part hereof. The modifications to the Annual Fee calculation as indicated on Schedule 1 Amendment Number Three reflect additional funding by the DISTRICT of 50% of the annual cost of one (1) Firefighter post position on the Assessment Quint company ("Firefighter").
    - (A) (2) Changes in the Annual Fee set forth in Schedule 1 Amendment Number Three related to the  $2^{nd}$  Firefighter on the Assessment Quint shall be prorated commencing with the effective date of this Amendment Number Three through the remainder of the 2009 2010 fiscal year, as follows:

DISTRICT'S cost share of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Firefighter on the Assessment Quint shall be determined by dividing the Annual Fee by 365 days (daily rate) and multiplying

1 the daily rate by the number of days remaining in the fiscal year as of the effective date of this Amendment 2 3 Number Three. C. 4 Section XI is amended to read as follows: 5 (A) With the exception of Schedule 1, all schedules attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference will be subject to modification by mutual 6 agreement of the CITY MANAGER and DISTRICT FIRE CHIEF as needed after 7 8 the effective date of this Amendment Number Three to the Agreement by both 9 parties. (B) Schedule 1 - Amendment Number Three, attached hereto and 10 incorporated herein by reference may be subject to modification in staffing level 11 by mutual agreement of CITY COUNCIL and DISTRICT FIRE CHIEF as needed 12 after the effective date of this Amendment Number Three to the Agreement for 13 14 Services. All other terms and conditions of the Agreement for Services shall remain the same and 15 3. 16 in full force and effect. 17 1// | // 18 19 | // | // 20 | // 21 22 | // 23 // 24 1// 25 // 26 27 28

CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION **DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY** 

CITY OF COVINA

Chair, Board of Supervisors

Mayor

ATTEST:

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By

SACHI A. HAMAI, Executive Officer Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By

Deputy

I heraby certify that pursuant to City Clerk

Section 25103 of the Government Code, delivery of this document has been made.

SACHIA. HAMAI Executive Officer

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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# CITY OF COVINA - DISTRICT ANNEXATION AGREEMENT SCHEDULE 1 - AMENDMENT NUMBER THREE

## OPERATION BY DISTRICT ESTIMATED 2009-10 ANNUAL FEE

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Fire Station 154	Assessment Engine	3	1,776,867		1,776,867 <sup>(d)</sup>
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Note: This schedule will be effective upon approval by the Board of Supervisors of Amendment Number Three of the Agreement of Services between the Consolidated Fire Protection Disstrict of Los Angeles County (District) and the City of Covina.

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